



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

A surprise find.



Whilst the Society's dig in Dirleton last month did not result in uncovering the remains of an old house an unusual and surprising find was a well laid cobble path leading from the Old Manse to an unknown destination. Perhaps it was part of a Victorian pleasure garden but during the week 16 diggers and over a hundred visitors were able to view the gradual exposure of the

path and speculate on its purpose.

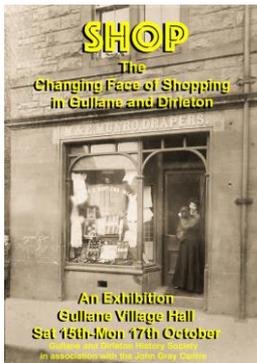
Large quantities of discarded items were also unearthed and following cleaning and identification they will be displayed at a future date.

The Society is grateful to Bill Nimmo for organizing the event, George Simpson for recording work and the devoted band of diggers who came from far and near to help.



Image by George Simpson

The changing nature of shops.



Your Society is mounting an exhibition in Gullane Village Hall examining the changes to shops in Gullane and Dirleton over the years and stories associated with some of them. It will be open over the weekend of **October 15th and 16th** with a presentation by the John Gray Centre on **Monday 17th October**. There will be displays of pictures from your Society's archive which are aimed at stimulating memories and provoking reminiscing.

Any offers of help in manning the exhibition during the weekend will be gratefully received. Please tell your friends and relations about the event which promises to produce much new information for recording by the Society and the John Gray Centre.

The new winter lecture season.

Jim Waugh got the current season of lectures under way with an interesting presentation on the Innocent Railway essentially built for transporting coal to Edinburgh from the mines in the Lothians. Nearly 40 members enjoyed his discourse in Gullane Village Hall which now has a new and eco-friendly heating system based on solar power a development your Society supported as a regular and long term user of the Hall.



Some of you may remember the Society's outing to Gunsgreen House at Eyemouth a few years ago. The then manager of the building Derek Janes will be our next lecturer on **Thursday October 13th in Dirleton**. He will be talking about smuggling in the 18th century. I look forward to seeing you there.

Michael (Thomson)